

## REMARKABLY DARK.

**NOT LIGHT ENOUGH AT NOON TO READ**  
**Nature's Necromancy in New England and New York**  
**—A Repetition of the Famous Day of Gloom**  
**a Century Ago—Work Suspended and**  
**the Schools Dismissed.**

All of New England and a large section of New York had strange atmospheric experiences on Tuesday. It was another "dark day," and many reports the phenomena were similar to those of 1783. In some sections the sun and moon were visible for part of the day began with a slow glow that faded as all the water-courses. The thin clouds that covered the sky at midnight seemed to crowd together and form a dense, black mass that would raise the atmosphere was dense with vapor, which limited vision to very short distances and made those distances illusory. As the sun rose the vapor began to clear away, although thick clouds remained. A STRANGE YELLOW light pervaded the air and produced the most peculiar effects on the surface of the earth. This color and the darkness continued until about 10 o'clock in the afternoon, once in a while lightning and then again deepening, so that during a large part of the time nothing could be done conveniently in the house. The darkness was not complete, but the complexion of the air wearied and pained the eyes. The grass assumed a singular bluish brightness, as if every blade were tipped with blue. The flowers of the garden were a pale gray, a row of sunflowers looking ghastly, orange nasturtiums lightened, pink roses faded, lilac-bud pink rose pink, and blue flowers were blue. The leaves of the trees were a pale gray. The berries that have been blossoming in deep blue during the season now were dressed in splendid

maroon; fringed genitalia were crimson in color. The birds were not seen to fly, but they were everywhere, every fence and roof-ridge, and the trees seemed to be ready to fly into fire.

THE LIGHT WAS SUSTAINABLE. I devoted of my time to sitting with my back to a window could not see outside, for if I did shadow fell upon it; he was obliged to turn his paper aside to the light. Though the darkness was not all like that of night, the birds kept still and the light was not to be closed. The light through the strange mists it was like a pinal ball amid yellow cushions. It was dull but green five and six o'clock that the sun had sufficed. The light was clear, and the sky was clear gold, and the earth returned to its every day aspect, the grass regaining its unnatural brilliancy, and the purple daisies no longer fainting in the sun. The temperature throughout the day was very clear and sane, and the physical effect was one of heaviness and depression. No breath of air was stirring, the smoke from the engine whenever it stopped at a station ascending the hills, and the smoke from the engine around body, was utterly invisible, and no particular brightness in any particular part of the heaven indicated its locality.

THE LIGHT WAS USED IN BOSTON UNTIL five o'clock. The gas-jets, which ordinarily show a yellowish light burned, with a white brilliancy that made them look like electric lights. The gas-jets from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York, and the gas-jets from that almost the same phenomena described above were witnessed there. A Rutland dispatch says: "The whole earth and sky seemed enveloped in a white light, and the sun was not visible. The sky and other points in Eastern and Central New York the sky seemed the same hue. Schools were shut

persons suspended in these which kept up their performance, and many factories also let out the hands of the workers, and the people were left in the streets. Superstitious people were filled with all sorts of forebodings, and many watched anxiously for the phenomenon to disappear. Some thought that the clouds possibly were the work of the devil, others ascribed the darkness to smoke, and but a few expected an approaching millennium, and some of the more credulous said that it was a bad sign for the removal of the President.

**No Branch Post-Office.**

Some persons of an inquisitive turn of mind had been told that the Post-Office Department has no legal right to rent any building belonging to private citizens for official purposes unless specially authorized so to do. It is consequently asserted that the Capitol Hill building cannot be established until Congress meets, and authorizes the Department to rent a suitable building. The delay in providing this much needed facility for the citizens of the Capitol Hill district is greatly to be regretted, but the matter has had a good start, and the willingness of the officials to furnish this accommodation to the public has been demonstrated by the fact that the building is being rapidly constructed. It has been suggested that a suitable building could be tendered to the government free of rent, but the practice of paying for what is used by the public is a well established one, and a departure will not be made in this instance.

**Attempt to Rob a Baltimore Bank.**

BALTIMORE, Sept. 2.—An attempt was made this morning to rob the vault of the Balt-

and streets. Four men entered the treasurer's room, where were several customers of the bank, and on the stage attracted the attention of the crowd. They were dressed in evening dress, and one of them carried a bag over his shoulder by which alone an investment in holding in the hands several United States bonds. Another walked back toward the vault in a rear apartment, but his movement was observed by one of the men in the vault, and he returned to the vault. The other three retreated hastily and thus far have escaped. The party arrested gave his name as Thomas Smith and he is held in a small cell. The police are holding him in with others, one of whom has a clerical appearance.

**Coney Island Races.**

**BRIGHTON BEACH, Sept. 9.**—The weather to-day was cool and cloudy and the track fair. First race—seven-eighths of a mile. Jessie K. won. Clara A. second, Bridge third. Time, 1:30. Second race—three-quarters of a mile. Won by Douglass. Clara A. second, Bridge third. Time, 1:45. Third race—mile and a quarter. W. A. Warfield won. Mary Anderson second, Emma Cooper third. Time, 2:15. Fourth race—mile and a half. Jessie K. won. Subsequent races were not run. Fifth race—half-mile race, one and a half miles. Benj. Bonham won; King Dutchman second, Speculator third. Time, 2:47.

**CAIRO, Sept. 9.**—Troops surrounded the Khedive's residence to-day and demanded a contribution and the increase of the army to 10,000 men. The British consular controller went to the palace with the foreign consuls and negotiated with the disaffected colonels. Finally the English consul handed them a decree of the Khedive, accepting the terms of the ultimatum. The British consul, president of the council. The troops then cleared the Khedive and withdrew. It is thought in Cairo that foreign occupation of the country will be found imperative.

**Prussia and the Vatican.**

**LONDON, Sept. 9.**—The North German Gazette, of Berlin, says: "The government during the past few days has been busy in presenting proposals for the re-establishment of the legation at the Vatican, which has been informed of this intention through Herr Von Schlocher, the minister presiding at the conference. The emperor continues to maintain the same position in favor of a permanent relationship between Prussia and the papacy, which would enable prussia to solve any future differences to be more easily arranged."

**The San Francisco Election.**

**SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 9.**—The completion of the election of the city officers has

**Expediting the Mail Service.**  
LONG BRANCH, Sept. 9.—In consequence of the meagre postal facilities at the eastern end of Long Branch Postmaster-General James to-day issued an order establishing a post-office at that west end, to be known as West End, Monmouth County, New Jersey. David M. Hildreth, one of the proprietors of the West End Hotel, was appointed postmaster.